GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:191
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CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO SEBS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several State Electricity Boards are equipped with old and obsolete equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the assistance given/proposed to be given to these Boards to modernize their ` equipments;

(d) whether the Union Government proposes to set up an electricity regulatory authority on the lines of TRAI for effective monitoring of SEBs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 191 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 04.08.2006 REGARDING CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO SEBs.

(a) to (c) : Several State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/State Utilities are equipped with plants which are more than 25 years old.

Under the `Partnership in Excellence` programme (PIE), 22 units with PLF below 60% have been covered to bring about improvement in their performance through adoption of better management practices. The details of such projects are Annexed.

Further, to improve their efficiency/performance and life of thermal plants, measures like Renovation & Modernization (R&M) and life extension (LE) programmes are being taken up. Adequate funds are being made available by Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) at concessional interest rate under Government of India Accelerated Generation and Supply Programme (AG&SP) for funding the identified R&M schemes.

Under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP), funds are being provided to the States for up-gradation of distribution network specially in urban areas. An amount of Rs.6131.70 Crores has been released under this programme.

(d) & (e) : Under the Electricity Act, 2003, Union Government has already constituted the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) and the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL). 25 State Governments have constituted State Electricity Regulatory Commissions. Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) for Manipur and Mizoram has been notified by the Union Government.